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\$100,000 Suit Filed In Louisville; Eight Reform, Conservative Rabbis Met In New York With Maimon

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LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Keneseth Israel Synagogue, scene of a bitter dispute last year over men and women sitting together at services, broke into the news again this week with filing of a \$100,000 damage suit.

The suit was filed by Harry Simon, leader of the opposition to mixed seating. He charged he was expelled from the congregation "without a hearing." The money was asked from the congregation's 24-member board of trustees.

Decide To Erect Mechtiza
A bitter dispute in the congregation over the problem was settled by decision to erect a mechtiza, (partition) after long wrangling (NJP Sept. 1, 1950) preceded by many sitdown strikes at services. The strikes were conducted by a group of women who demanded to be allowed to sit with their families. Services were halted (NJP May 26, 1950) when Rabbi Benjamin Brilliant refused to proceed unless the women were removed.

Simon blamed loss of "a good deal of business," and the need

for medical treatment on the dispute and its aftermath. He said he suffered "bodily and mental ills."

Tried To Prevent Suit
The leadership of the Louisville Jewish community apprized of the imminent filing of the suit sought vainly to avoid a public fight.

It was during the course of this dispute that Rabbi Brilliant according to Simon's suit, "upheld the wealthier members and began a campaign of systematic abuse, vituperation and slander of the objecting members, most particularly, this plaintiff."

Stories of the filing of the suit were carried in fairly lengthy news articles in both the daily papers here.

OBSCENE LETTER-WRITER NABBED IN DETROIT

DETROIT—The anonymous letter-writer who penned thousands of postcards, many of them bearing obscene messages, to Jewish persons here over the past few years, has been apprehended. He was identified as 36-year-old Stanley Skubik, Jr. He has been a patient of local mental institutions on two occasions and was dismissed from the army as a psycho-neurotic.

When arrested a search of his car, revealed a small mimeograph machine for turning out postcards, stamps and telephone books which he used for addresses.

Post Office Inspector Earl A. Bannhart said that Skubik admitted the scurrilous mailings.

Skubik who felt that "Jews were getting too much control of the money" told postoffice inspectors that his work was more effective before Easter because it would forestall spending of "Christian money" in Jewish-owned stores.

The Jewish Community Council cooperated with postoffice officials on the case.

Anti-Semitism in Britain Petering Out, Bores British

JOHANNESBURG, S. A.—Anti-Semitism is petering out in Great Britain, The Zionist Record of this city reports in a dispatch from its London correspondent.

The subject bores Britain today, S. J. Goldsmith reports. Even Sir Oswald Mosley rarely refers to Jews at his meetings, the correspondent declares.

Goldsmith attributed the decline of bias to one fact—the State of Israel.

NEW YORK—Rabbi Judah Maimon, Israeli Minister of Religions, conferred here with eight Reform and Conservative Rabbinical leaders on questions of freedom of religion in Israel, The Post learned this week.

Included in the octet of rabbis was Rabbi Philip Bernstein, of Rochester, president of the Central Conference (Reform) of American Rabbis, Max Davidson, president of the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative), Rabbi Ben Zion Bosker, and five others.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS HEAD ADVISES AGAINST CENSORING OF 'OLIVER TWIST'

BOSTON—Robert E. Segal, head of this city's community relations set-up, took a stand in his weekly column for the Anglo-Jewish press against attempts to censor "Oliver Twist" for its vicious portrayal of Fagin.

Segal wrote that J. Arthur Rank has "the right to operate his movie production plant the way he wants to." He pointed out however that Rank "had to buy his own aspirin for the headaches he is bound to suffer because he had so much putty plastered on to Fagin's nose . . ."

"But," Segal argued, "it's the height of folly for anybody to urge that it be banned here and banned there."

"It's going to be shown," Segal wrote, "and from the box office standpoint every knock's a boost."

Hard To Tell Effect Of 'Oliver Twist' Showing In Canada 2½ Years Ago

National Jewish Post

TORONTO—Just what the effect from the standpoint of adding to the overall anti-Semitism in Canada was from the showing here two-and-a-half years ago of the movie "Oliver Twist" is difficult to determine, The Post was told this week.

The movie opened at the Odeon Theatre here on Sept. 9, 1948 and ran for three weeks. It was filmed in 471 theaters throughout the Dominion, with runs of three weeks in Vancouver and Winnipeg and two weeks in Edmonton.

Hits Defense Agencies For Film Controversy
National Jewish Post
JOHANNESBURG, S. A.—The professional Jew and the Jewish defense agencies were blamed for the hullabaloo over the forthcoming showing of "Oliver Twist" in the U.S., by a letter-writer in The South African Zionist Record here.

Declaring that the film "was shown in South Africa without fuss," and that "nobody thought of objecting to it," R. Davidson of this city, wrote that "Fagin was accepted not as a typical Jew, but as an individual Jewish wrong-doer."

Referring to the U. S. defense agencies, the writer said they were necessary, but "the trouble starts when" (they) for the lack of other work perhaps, start looking for 'insults.'

The letter offers the prayer that "American Jewry may be spared

such effects from the picture's screening, but charged that its influence must have been considerable on the many children who came to view the movie.

Eagle-Lion Films of Canada, which is owned by the J. Arthur Rank organization of London, producers of the movie, asserted that the picture did "very well" financially. Many distributors throughout Canada held other views, and the general feeling was that the picture enjoyed only a mediocre success.

Of the 471 theaters which screened the production, seventy are owned by the J. Arthur Rank organization, which was associated in lease or ownership with many additional theaters.

ONLY TWIN RABBIS SO ALIKE SPEAKING VOICES ARE SIMILAR

LONDON—The only identical Jewish twins in the rabbinate is the claim of the twin sons of B. Ginsburg. The rabbis, Sydney S. Ginsburg, of the Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation, and Alex Ginsburg, Senior Jewish Chaplain to the British Army of the Rhine, are so alike that even their speaking voices are similar.

The rabbis are thirty years old. They officiated here at the marriage of their sister last Sunday.

No Further Inferences From Koussevitzky's Jewish Interest, Post Told

By GERALD H. TURNOY

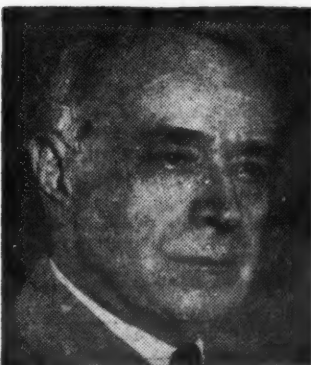
National Jewish Post Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—Although Serge Koussevitzky, famous conductor who is a convert, is devoting a great deal of his time to Jewish interests, especially in the music world in connection with Israel, there are no further inferences to be drawn, The Post was told.

This was the impression given me by Mrs. Koussevitzky in an exclusive interview here. The 77-year-old conductor, who is a close friend of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, was convalescing from an influenza attack contracted in Denver while on tour with the Israel Orchestra.

Mrs. Koussevitzky was not asked to explain what her husband meant when he was quoted as having said several years ago "that he feels like a Jew again." Mrs. Koussevitzky, who married the conductor in 1947, is like her husband a member of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Koussevitzky, the son of devout Orthodox parents in Vyshny Volochek in the province of Tver, Russia, was bar mitzvah in



SERGE KOUSSEVITZKY
Admirer of Israel

the local cheder. A year later he had joined the Greek Orthodox Church in Moscow where he had gone on a fellowship to the Moscow Philharmonic Society's School.

Koussevitzky and Weizmann had been acquainted with one another as young men in Russia, and on the occasion of the 70th birthday anniversary of Israel's president, Koussevitzky brought his Boston Symphony Orchestra to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York to play at the reception.

The famed conductor will be musical director of the ambitious festival set for 1953 in Israel commemorating the 3000th anniversary of both Jerusalem and King David.

Mrs. Koussevitzky did not care to comment on reports that they planned to move to Israel.

When Koussevitzky's offer to conduct the Tel Aviv Orchestra in 1949 was turned down because he was a convert, an international furor was set off. The decision was later changed.

Mrs. Koussevitzky said her husband's deep interest in Israel was evoked by the dramatic struggle of the people of Israel.

Hart, Leading Anti-Semite, Squirms When Shown Own Quotes

OMAHA—Mervyn K. Hart, president of the National Economic Council, considered one of the leading anti-Semites in the United States today, stood for an interview with the Jewish Press here but called for air when pressed with transcripts of previous speeches and writings by Leonard Boasberg, alert reporter for the Press.

Hart denied that he is anti-Jewish in any way.

But when he was shown a copy of his Economic Council Letter in which he said that "Zionists" are the "controlling influence in the world," and that they "have Mr. Truman's Administration in the hollow of their hand," Hart was reluctant to define what a Zionist is.

It did not add balm to Hart's discomfiture when Boasberg shot such quotes as "They (the Zionists)

are the number one enemy of American liberty and the Christian Church" and that "they are the outstanding cause of most of the dire troubles facing America today."

Hart finally was cornered long enough to define a Zionist as "one who puts the interests of Zion ahead of the United States, he being an American." Asked to explain this statement, he answered, "Why you know what that means as well as I do."

Boasberg then proceeded to challenge Hart for evidence that Zionists put the interests of Israel ahead of those of the U. S.

Hart's reply was that some of them had said so. Asked, "Who?" he refused to reply. Nor would he give examples of specific organizations.

"No. I'm not going to say any more than I've said," Hart replied evidently growing exasperated at the reporter's well-documented questioning. Hart's last response on the subject was to declare that his views on Zionism were substantially the same as those of the American Council for Judaism.

Hart attributed to coincidence the fact that in a piece he wrote entitled, "Shall Alien Minds Determine America's Future?" 72 of the 81 'alien minds' were Jewish.

He added lamely that George Sokolsky was one of his closest friends.

The anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith lists Hart as one of the five leading anti-Semites in the U. S.

U.J.A. Asks \$5,000,000 Now As Iraq Exodus Turns Into Panic

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Responding to an urgent appeal from David Horowitz, Director General of Israel's Ministry of Finance, just four hours after he had alighted from a plane from Israel, the United Jewish Appeal voted here to launch a drive for \$5,000,000 in cash immediately.

Communities throughout the nation will be asked to go back to their banks again for loans against 1951 drives.

Horowitz told the UJA cabinet that the Iraq exodus was turning into a panic, with 1,500 Jews arriving from that land in Israel weekly. The Iraqi government, which is freezing all funds of Israel-bound Jews, has set a May 1 deadline for the emigration of Jews to Israel.

Iraqi Officials Deny Reports

Meanwhile in Baghdad, Iraqi officials described as entirely untrue reports of anti-Jewish rioting in that capital. But immigrants arriving in Israel told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that uncontrolled mobs swarmed through Baghdad looting Jewish shops and attacking Jewish pedestrians. Police made no efforts to protect the attacked Jews, but Iraqi troops have occupied the Sayyar Bazaar, which is the center of the jewelry trade, and are denying Jewish shopkeepers access to the area.

Authorities supervising the departure of Jewish emigrants to Israel are seizing their personal effects and the 50 pounds in cash which emigrants were formerly permitted to take, it was charged.

300 immigrants who arrived at Lydda Airport in Israel last week

came without even a change of clothes. They reported that during the last few days Jews have been attacked by mobs in the streets of Baghdad and that Jewish shops in the clothing bazaar were completely looted. In every case where the Police were called, they said, they came long after the damage had been done.

Diplomatic measures through the United Nations on behalf of the Iraqi Jews who are living in a reign of terror have been

approved by the Israel Cabinet, the World Wide News Service reported.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett has been authorized to make whatever diplomatic moves may be necessary. Prior to the Cabinet action, Mr. Sharett received a delegation of Iraqi Jews now living in Israel. The delegation was reported to have urged international intervention to safeguard the remaining Jews in Iraq.

ZIM TO ADD 4 GRAIN VESSELS TO FLEET

TEL AVIV—Expansion plans for ZIM, the national navigation company which will include purchase of four grain carrying vessels this year, were detailed here by Zeev Schind, chairman of the board.

One of the grain carriers, the 12,000 ton Elatha, has already been acquired. The line of which is expected to be launched next month in Rotterdam.

Negotiations in England for the purchase of a passenger liner for the Haifa-New York run to cost \$9,000,000 have been halted temporarily until the Israel

Ministry of Finance can authorize the necessary expenditure of foreign exchange.

Zim now owns or has interest in 19 ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 91,500. Four liners ply to European ports, five cross the Atlantic, seven cargo vessels serve the European trade and three small ships are employed in coastal traffic.

One congregation drew twenty-six replies to their advertisement in our "Positions Open-Wanted" classified advertisement section. Rates are reasonable. Write to Sam Shulman, National Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis, Ind., for information.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM PROTESTS N. Y. MAYOR'S ZIONIST MONTH

NEW YORK—(WNS)—A letter expressing "strong objections" to Mayor Vincent Impellitteri's proclamation declaring March 22 to April 21 as Zionist Organization of America Month, has been sent to the Mayor by the American Council of Judaism.

Emphasizing that "many citizens of Jewish faith are completely out of sympathy with the aims and tactics" of the ZOA, the letter asserted that the Mayor's high office "should not be exploited to influence the members of any religious creed to join an organization whose program is essentially political and highly controversial." The letter was written by Mrs. Miriam Witkin, chairman of the New York chapter of the Council.

The Mayor's proclamation, stressed the ZOA's significant role in support of Israel and emphasized that a widespread enrollment of membership into the Zionist movement is "in accord with the policy of the government of the United States and with this country's determination to support democracy throughout the world."

No note was taken by the Council of a similar proclamation by Mayor Impellitteri of "Mizrachi Women's Silver Jubilee Week."

Council Speaker Tells Zionists Their Pressure Disserves U. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The American Council for Judaism trotted out one of its old reliables—Carroll Binder, editorial editor of the Minneapolis Tribune—to warn Zionists that they "have no right to use pressure politics to make the U.S. take a position which disserves its interests."

Binder, who is a U.S. special delegate to the UN Commission on Freedom of Information and the Press, made the blunt charges at a dinner meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Council.

NO Double Standard

"I do not think there should be one standard for Jews in Israel and another standard for Jews in the United States in such matters," he declared without elaboration. "That is why I find myself in full agreement with the position taken by the Council for Judaism on such matters. Had its concept of citizenship prevailed during the past five years and United States foreign policy been shaped from the standpoint of the longterm national inter-

est rather than in the interest of a domestic pressure group and a foreign state the situation in the middle east and in the United Nations would be much more favorable than it is today."

Binder was careful to blame the Zionists only by indirection, though, for the plight of the Arab refugees.

"Our mishandling of the Palestine issue produced a series of evil consequences which has not yet run its course," he asserted. "We incurred the lasting resentment of the Arabs as a result of the methods we used to commit the United Nations to the partitioning of Palestine. They considered our tactics unjust and hold us responsible for the consequences, including the homelessness of hundreds of thousands of Arabs and animosities which are likely to last for generations."

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ZOA Launches Attack On Labor Control

NEW YORK—The first large-scale effort to convince the American Jewish community in general and members of the Zionist Organization of America in particular that Israel's economy is being stifled by the Labor Movement was launched here this week.

The drive got under way with the arrival here of Joseph Serlin, member of the Knesset and vice president of the General Zionist Party in Israel and Major Shalom Zysman, member of the party's executive committee.

Tied up with the effort, is the aim of strengthening the General Zionist Party of Israel, which made big gains in the recent municipal elections.

MUST LOOSEN HEAVY CONTROLS

Speaking at a press conference on their arrival Serlin declared that "it is essential to loosen the heavy controls on economic activity and to relax the complicated 'red-tape' supervision."

"Israel is fundamentally stable," Serlin, who is one of the leading attorneys in Israel, declared "but it cannot face up to its staggering obligations under a rule which hampers the exploitation of the ingenuity and capacity of the Jewish manufacturer."

For the first time, the General Zionists put themselves on record in opposition to the program of the Histadrut. "The General Zionists," the two Israelis asserted, "are opposed to Socialistic experiments. We admit that certain public utilities may best be operated under municipal or other control."

The visitors predicted a victory for the General Zionists in the elections this summer. "There is no reason," they declared, "why we should not become the strongest party in the Knesset."

They asserted that there "is a growing . . . determination to relax the hide-bound regulations which suffocate the free play of constructive forces, because of doctrinaire ideology or partisan interest."

SILVER SEES NEW CAPITAL FROM ABROAD

Speaking at a reception to the two men, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, emphasized that a strong General Zionist Party in Israel would "stimulate private initiative and investment as well as attract capital from abroad."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann said the emergence of a strong liberal center party would lead to "individual as well as national freedom." The rise to a position of power of the General Zionists, he predicted, would bring "economic peace in Israel through moderate social policies which would mitigate class conflict and promote the harmonious cooperation of all constructive forces in the State."

Observers Mum On Israel's Chances Of Getting 1½ Billion from Germany

WASHINGTON—Just what would be the net result of Israel's demand of a \$1,500,000,000 of reparation from Germany for "the gigantic slaughter and rapine of European Jewry under the Nazis" no one here would predict.

The demand, which was presented to the Big Four Powers because Israel refuses to deal directly with Germany, came as a surprise to officials here, but no one would take issue with the legitimacy of the Israeli claim.

The four governments were requested by Israel to consider the subject of over-all reparations, as well as individual restitution and indemnification, at any future meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers. Israel also suggested that payment might be spread over a number of years and that partial payment might be made in the form of goods.

The amount to be obtained from German reparations, said Israel, would be spent for the absorption and rehabilitation of half a million European Jewish survivors who are already in Israel or intend to come here in the near future. The note quoted estimates of 6 billion dollars as the value of Jewish property seized by the Nazis in Germany or in Nazi-occupied countries during the last war.

No Animosity Towards Reform In U. S. Is Biggest News In South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, S. A.—A statement by Mrs. Ethel Smith, secretary of the South African Union of Temple Sisterhoods that there is no animosity in America towards Reform Judaism, made the lead sentence in a report in The Zionist Record here. Mrs. Smith has returned from a visit to America.

Mrs. Smith told the paper that there is an "upsurge of Judaism in America" and that there is a close link between Orthodox, Conservative and Reform in the United States.

"Everyone wants to express his Judaism," the attractive Reform leader declared about the U. S. Jews, "and there as here the Orthodox group has become revitalized and vigorous because of the resurgence of the Reform Movement."

Mrs. Smith was also surprised, she declared, to see that no meeting in the U. S. was ever started without prayer and no meal eaten without the saying of grace. She said she hoped the custom would become popular in South Africa.

JAM IN TEHERAN SEEN; REFUGEES THROG CITY

NEW YORK—(WNS)—Tens of thousands of Jews will converge in Teheran, a base for emigration to Israel, as a result of the spring thaws in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan, it was declared this week by Stanley Abramovitch, director of emigration and relief programs for the Joint Distribution Committee.

Speaking at the U.J.A. offices, Mr. Abramovitch, who just arrived here from the Iranian capital, declared that the Jewish influx into Teheran might lead to serious disturbances unless "substantial funds became available at once through the United Jewish Appeal to provide for a swift and orderly mass airlift to Israel."

He pointed out that at the present time close to 5,000 Kurdish, Iraqi, Afghanistani and Iranian Jews are quartered in synagogues, and in makeshift camps in Teheran's two Jewish cemeteries, as they wait for movement to Israel.

He said that two Jews are ready to take the place of every one who leaves for Israel, and that his survey indicates this number will rise to three and four

by mid-April as a result of the emigration and social crisis in Iraq.

Mr. Abramovitch reported that in addition to the Jews of Iran and Iraq arriving, in Teheran, there has been a widening flow of Jews from Afghanistan. He said that Jews from Iraq, Afghanistan and Kurdistan are given priority for movement to Israel in order to avoid an overflow in the Iranian capital of stateless persons.

As to the children, he said that the UJA funds at present time are making possible one regular daily meal for 2,000 in all parts of Iran and that twice a year clothes are distributed to a total of 3,000 school children.

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6-MONTH'S FOOD SUPPLY ON HAND, ISRAEL TOLD

TEL AVIV—Preparing for the eventuality of war and the scarcity of food, Israel has laid up a supply of stocks of basic food-stuffs to feed the nation for about six months, newspapermen were told here by Pinhas Lavon, Minister of Agriculture on his return from the U. S.

Mr. Lavon said that large quantities of wheat will be sent here from the United States as economic aid to Israel.

Belief that Israel would soon be self-sufficient as far as its fish needs are concerned was expressed by Lavon, he said. The Ministry has acquired 31 fully equipped fishing boats, which are expected to supply the country's requirements of fish.

Former BB Women Head Named Judge

By GERALD TURNOY

National Jewish Post Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Lenore D. Underwood has been named San Francisco municipal judge by Governor Earl Warren.

Mrs. Underwood, long active in local and national Jewish activities, is the second woman jurist to serve in San Francisco and the first to be named by Warren in his three terms as governor.

A former director of the Council of Jewish Women, member of Hadassah and the Hebrew Nursing Home, she was the first president of the Women's Supreme Grand Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

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Largest Family In Israel Bedouin's 40 Wives, 65 Children Win

"JERUSALEM—With forty wives and sixty-five children, the Bedouin Shah Suliman El Hassaiel, has been acclaimed as the father of the largest family in Israel.

This was determined when the distribution of new food cards for 1951 was completed by the office of Food Control in Jerusalem. Suliman got 117 cards for his tremendous household.

Suliman has forty wives, thirty-two sons and thirty-three daughters. He is only forty years old! So he is well able to take care of any who might care to compete with him for his title.

Story of Alphabet, Talk By Rabbi On 2 Programs

NEW YORK—The story of the invention of the first Hebrew alphabet will be featured on the Eternal Light program this Sunday, March 25, over NBC from 12:30 to 1 p. m. EST.

Earlier in the day, at 10 a. m. EST. Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg, of Temple B'nai Jehudah, Kansas City, Mo., will speak on "Jewish Survival: The Mystery of History" on the Message of Israel Program over the ABC network.

Psychologist Explains Why Jewish Mothers 'Stuff' Children More Than Gentile Mothers

LONDON—Why Jewish women stuff their children with food was analyzed by Dr. Emanuel Miller, child psychologist, at a meeting of the Federation of Women Zionists here.

Dr. Miller told the women, according to The Jewish Chronicle, that the Jewish parent was more

concerned with the feeding of the children than non-Jewish parents. Jewish parents, he said, placed greater value on food, because food for them was a symbol of survival. If the child was healthy in body, he added, it was assumed that everything else would be all right.

The psychologist said "there were profound cultural differences between Jewish and non-Jewish children.

The Jewish child, he asserted, was brought up in the highly charged atmosphere of his parents.

Cops Nab 3 Men, Boy In Auto Burning

TEL AVIV—The first arrests in connection with the wave of auto-burnings on the Sabbath were made here when three men and a 14-year-old boy were taken into custody by police. They are members of the extreme Orthodox Naturei Karta.

Meanwhile in Jerusalem notices condemning the recent burning of cars were posted by the Municipality.

Quoting the biblical passage "He that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution," (Exodus 22:6), the notice condemned the arson as contrary to all Jewish law and precepts and called on those guilty to stop their actions.

Warnings to "observe the Sabbath" were found smeared on the damaged vehicles. Members of the extremist group are pledged to enforce the Torah (Holy Law) by violence.

N. Y. Federation Drops Union; Calls It Red

NEW YORK—Notice that it is withdrawing recognition of the Social Service Employees Union, Local 19, as the bargaining agent for its employees was served this week by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, central fund-raising agency for 116 local hospitals, health and social service agencies.

The SSEU was expelled from the CIO last year, along with its parent organization the United Office and Professional Workers of America.

The Federation said the Union was reputedly Communist in its inspiration, ideology and leadership.

Wins Junior Tennis Tourney In S. A.

JOHANNESBURG — Neville Katzen, 18-year-old Wits University student, repeated his performance in the 1950 South African Junior singles tennis tournament by beating Jan Vermaak for the 1951 title. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Katzen of Parktown West.

CONTEST FOR CHILDREN

A contest for all children attending religious schools for the best original writing on a Jewish theme, has been announced by Barton's Candies, 80 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, 1, N.Y. Prizes are a \$100 government bond, a \$50 bond and a membership in the firm's Sweet-of-the-month club. Students are being asked to write either a poem, story, or an essay on some phase of Jewish life, such as the Jewish holidays, Israel, Jewish customs and ceremonies. What your Hebrew School (or Yeshiva) has done for you, outstanding American Jews or Jewesses.

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David Ross, Daughter Die In Flaming House

BENTON HARBOR—The tragic death of a well-known Jewish leader in an unsuccessful attempt to save his 8-year-old daughter from their flaming home, has upset midwestern Jewish circles this week.

He is David Ross, 53-year-old industrialist, who only recently embarked on a new project to provide jobs for Israelis through sale of trinkets and other small items as gifts.

Three other children, two sons and a daughter, escaped the burning house, a palatial mansion on the North Shore drive lake front here, which was valued at \$100,000.

Ross evidently had gone back into the house after Ruth Anne,

who was in an upstairs bedroom. Active in United Jewish Appeal work, Ross was vice president of the Michigan Zionist Region.

Children In Hospital

The boys, John Judah, 10, and Micah 12, and their sister, Naomi, 13, were all injured, but were resting satisfactorily at Mercy hospital here. The housekeeper also escaped with slight burns.

The dead girl, Ruth Anne, was found in the bedroom at 1 a. m. She had been burned only slightly and death apparently was due to suffocation. Police tried artificial respiration unsuccessfully for more than an hour.

Ross' body was found about four hours later.

He was president of Temple Beth-El.

Mrs. Ross died of a heart attack in 1948. She was the sister of Ben Piser of South Bend, president of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region.

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Why Bond Sale Effort Now Told As Criticism Noted

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The sponsors of the half-billion dollar bond drive for Israel, the American Financial and Development Corporation this week took note of the rising tide of criticism for alleged interference with the United Jewish Appeal campaigns.

Under the heading "Why May 1?" the current issue of the AFDC News lists, four reasons in answer to critics of its current activity.

They were:

1. The date was deferred to May 1, when January or February would have been more suitable "in order to give maximum opportunity for development of the UJA."

2. The date was set in consultation with the Treasury Department in order to avoid conflict with "the projected formal launching of a United States savings bond campaign later on."

3. The fall of the year was not available since "many cities run community chest campaigns in the fall months."

4. "The months of July and August are not appropriate for any kind of effective communal activity."

The article went on to explain that the floating of the bond issue represents an activity of unprecedented magnitude and that the organization of a bond machinery "to go into action on May 1 is being pressed." It noted that the bond organization had to start from scratch while other campaigns have available "established techniques, manpower and leadership."

Israel Wins First Fight With Locusts Handily

JERUSALEM — The first engagement in Israel's annual fight on locusts has turned out successfully for the Israelis without a shot being fired.

The swarm, coming from the east, settled near Beisan, but disappeared shortly afterwards.

In the Akaba area of Jordan, large swarms were dispersed by incendiary grenades fired by Arab legion and British troops stationed in the port.

One congregation drew twenty-six replies to their advertisement in our "Positions Open-Wanted" classified advertisement section. Rates are reasonable. Write to Sam Shulman, National Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis, Ind., for information.

Tulsa To Be First; To Open Sale April 15

TULSA, Okla. — This community hopes to be the first in the U. S. to conduct its sale of Israel bonds. The sale will be launched here on April 15 with Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States, as principal speaker.

I. Nadel is chairman of the local drive, and Maurice Sanditen and Benedict I. Lubell, co-chairmen. Raymond R. Kravis is treasurer.

U. S. Expert Hits Israel Food Handling

TEL AVIV — Criticism of the manufacture and distribution of food in Israel was made in a talk here by Professor M. A. Joslyn of the University of California. Prof. Joslyn is the food expert invited by the Scientific Research Council to study the development of the food industry in the nation.

Prof. Joslyn told of his amazement when he saw frozen fish, just unloaded at the port, lie in the sun for several hours before being removed to refrigeration.

The U. S. expert urged the government to enforce proper labelling of food.

He praised the bread in Israel, declaring that it was more nutritious than bread in the U. S.

1 In 10 In Israel Gets Food Parcel Monthly

TEL AVIV—Almost one out of every ten persons in Israel receives a food package a month, Pinhas Lavon, Minister of Agriculture, told newspapermen here in a discussion of the black market.

A total of 120,000 food parcels arrive every month, he declared. He said these are intended to feed the recipients, but some find their way into the black market. The government is keeping a watchful eye on the recipients, he warned.

Tradition No Defense Fortune Teller, Judge Disagree

TEL AVIV—Despite a defense that there was a great tradition of telling the future in Jewish history, Mme. Laila, the Indian Seer" was fined 25 pounds in District Court here.

Daniel Gittler, police constable told the court that Mme. Laila, whose real name is Teresa Frankel, told him that he would die in 1979, that he would soon take a trip abroad, be ill twice and that he was not sufficiently appreciated in his present job.

The prophetess pleaded ignorance of the law and declared in addition that the prosecution had not proved that she could not foretell the future.

Young Israel To Sue Hearst Paper on Letter

NEW YORK (WNS) The National Council of Young Israel will institute legal action against the Journal-American and other Hearst papers for publishing an allegedly forged letter by the late President Roosevelt to its former vice-president, the late Jacob Zambrowsky.

The Hearst paper reprinted the letter from the Paris newspaper Figaro. According to the letter the late President Roosevelt requested the Young Israel official to bring him in contact with Soviet's Stalin with a view to entering into an agreement under which Soviet Russia would have a free hand in certain countries.

The letter, allegedly sent in 1943, has been declared a forgery by the U. S. State Department.

According to the records the late President sent a letter to Young Israel in 1938, thanking the organization for the Holy Scroll it sent him as a gift.

According to the Figaro letter, reprinted in the Journal-American, the President refers to a "Mr. Weiss." But the Young Israel records show that no man by that name had been associated with the organization at that time. Dr. S. Weiss, now director of Young Israel, first came to the organization in 1945.

KALLAH TO HEAR MIRSKY

GALVESTON, Tex. — Fifty rabbis composing the Kallah of Texas, whose president is Reform Rabbi David Jacobson, will hear a leading Orthodox Professor at the annual Kallah (study convention) here March 27-28. Speaker for the affair will be Dr. Samuel K. Mirsky, professor of Rabbinics at Yeshiva University.

REQUESTS FOR ISRAEL DRIVES DWINDLING

NEW YORK—The number of applications for fund-raising drives for Israel in the United States has dwindled "to a gratifying extent" a spokesman for the Jewish Agency told The Post.

The spokesman said the committee on control and authorization of campaigns of the Jewish Agency usually based its rejections on the fact that the beneficiaries of the drive are already getting support, or the legitimacy of the claims was questionable.

Soviet Claims As Own Property Of Jews

VIENNA (WNS)—The Soviet Union has refused to return German-acquired property in Austria to the rightful Jewish heirs on the ground that the property belongs to the U.S.S.R. under terms of the Potsdam Agreement, it was disclosed here.

Although the formal application for restitution was submitted by Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl, it was blocked in the 4-power Allied Council when the Russians insisted that the property was subject to seizure as reparations.

Synagogue Blessing Set For New Servicemen

MINNEAPOLIS—A blessing in the synagogue for soldiers about to be inducted into the armed forces has been prepared by the Minnesota Rabbinical Association, which this week asked parents to accompany their sons and daughters to services for the blessing.

Rabbi David Aronson is president of the MRA, which is composed of rabbis holding pulpits throughout the state.

PETLURA'S BROTHER DIES

TORONTO — Col. Alexandre Petlura, brother of Gen. Simon Petlura, infamous leader of Ukrainian pogroms, was buried here amidst tributes by members of the Ukrainian branch of the Canadian Legion, and several church dignitaries. The crimes of Gen. Petlura were so heinous that his assassin, Schwartzberg, was not punished.

CLEVELAND OUSTS JPFO

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Rabbi Magnin Conducts Funeral of Non-Jew; Third Printing for Report on Reform Practice

The Newsworthy Funeral

A reading of the Psalms and a few words of religious inspiration by Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin marked the funeral of Bill Moon, prominent newspaper man who formerly was on the staff of the Los Angeles Times. There was nothing newsworthy about the funeral except that Bill Moon is not a Jew. In his will, Mr. Moon had asked that Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of The Wilshire Boulevard Temple officiate at his funeral services. Mr. and Mrs. Moon became acquainted with Rabbi Magnin through his radio talks.



RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN
Reads the Psalms

The Third Printing

The demand for Rabbi Morton's Berman's report on "Reform Jewish Practice" which showed a return towards traditional observances is exceeding the supply. Already three printings have been made of the report, according to the New York Federation of Reform Congregations. Only a few copies of the third printing are still available.

Texas Effect

The exaggerated claims of Texans about their state does not leave the rabbinate untouched, at least if Rabbi Samuel Rosinger, of Temple Emanuel of

Beaumont is an indication. After two paragraphs of hyperbole description of this paradise on earth, Rabbi Rosinger declared: "The mystic magnetism which Texas exerts upon one by the vast reaches of its prairies, the matchless beauty of its skies, the luxurious growth of its tropical vegetation and the warm heart of its people, explains the secret of the long tenure of service of the Texas rabbis and accounts very largely, for my lifetime incumbency with my congregation."

Rabbi's Nightmare

A task which most rabbis would willingly relinquish—how to fill a synagogue seating 400 persons, will be that of youngish Rabbi Norman Shapiro who will soon realize a dream that comes usually late in life to most rabbis when the new Goel Tzedec synagogues in Toronto is built. The structure, the largest synagogue building in Canada, will include a dining room seating 600, a chapel accommodating 200 and 25 class rooms. z

The Gift Munificent

The Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore this week was the recipient of a surprise \$4,358.41 gift from a Negro, the first such gift in its history. The amount was left in a bequest from Murray King Barton, who was employed in the household of the Sonneborn family here and

in New York for forty years. King moved to New York in the early 1930's to take charge of the household of Rudolf Sonneborn, who is national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

Notes

With pennies and nickels and dimes the Jewish National Fund has raised a sum of \$28,000,000 in the forty years from 1910 to 1950, HARRIS J. LEVINE who was reelected president, told the board of the agency at its annual meeting . . . MAURICE GOLDBLATT, Chicago department store owner, was awarded the University of Chicago's most distinguished award, the Rosenberger medal. Mr. Goldblatt gave a million dollars for Chicago's first cancer research center after his brother Nathan died of the disease in 1944 . . . A Keren Menuhin (Menuhin Fund) has been established under the music section of the Department of Education and culture of the Israeli government in honor of YEHUDI MENUHIN, famous violinist, who has just completed a three-week tour of Israel . . . Dr. ARYEH DVORETZKY of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has been invited by Columbia University to teach higher mathematics during the current academic term.

Deaths of the Week

Sam A. Lewisohn, patron of the concerts at Lewisohn Stadium, for which his father had contributed the funds, and noted industrialist, died in Santa Barbara, Calif. at 66 . . . Samuel E. Bernstein, head of the National Silver Company, died in Miami, Fla., at 82. He was a founder and president of Congregation Shaare Torah in Brooklyn . . . Harry Publicker, 74, chairman of the board of Publicker Industries died in Philadelphia after an illness of several months. He donated a former residence to Har Sinal Congregation in 1946.

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

'FOUR CHAPLAINS' IN PREPARATION, BUT 'THE WALL' POSTPONED-FOREVER?

By SIMON WINCEBERG

SOME NOTES on Hollywood productions of Jewish interest: At Warner Bros., "Four Chaplains," one of whom was the late Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, is "still in the preparation stage and there is no definite date as to when it will actually go into production."

The Hollywood Reporter explains that David O. Selznick has postponed indefinitely the filming of "The Wall," because its financial backers are beginning to have doubts about the financial soundness of such a project. Previously, Selznick had announced that he would not make the film in its original locale, the Warsaw Ghetto (as if the choice were up to him), and instead mentioned the possibility of an equally unlikely locale, Israel.

Israeli actor Yosef Yadin, of the Chamber Theatre, will soon be seen opposite Viveca Lindfors in the Vienna-made "Four in a Jeep," directed by Leopold Lindberg, the Swiss director who made the excellent "Last Chance." The local publicity office of MGM, so far, is unable to confirm reports that their company is releasing it.



Winceberg

ABOUT THE only mild reservations voiced by local music critics about the Israel Philharmonic's L. A. deployment, were of Leonard Bernstein's podium calisthenics, which, at least to my untrained eye, provided a wonderful visual counterpart to the music.

Some idea of the way Bernstein works with an orchestra, may be had from a report by Miss Eileen Schiff, a highly perceptive young violinist, who studied with Bernstein at Tanglewood last summer. "In record time and under rotten conditions . . . we prepared our most difficult concert. Bernstein is sure Jewish thru and thru. I got a kick out of his telling the strings that we were playing too 'shvach,' and his complaining of more 'tzoris.'"

AS A PRE-ARRANGED ENCORE the first night, Bernstein did "Emek" by Mark Lavry. Presumably a simple desert or pioneering theme at heart, "Emek," received an arrangement and performance which was highly impressive technically, but tended to give the upper hand to the percussion section, who did a pretty neat job of pounding the bucolic simplicity clean out of it.

This, incidentally, was in strong contrast to the warm and deeply exciting way the orchestra played "Hatikvah" as I have never heard it played.

The "Los Angeles Patrons" of the orchestra listed in the program, included Jack Benny, George Burns, Eddie Cantor, Armand Deutsch (MGM), Jacob Karp (Paramount V.P.), Sol Lesser (producer of the Tarzan series), Joe Mankiewicz, Harpo Marx, Paul Muni, Louis B. Mayer, Dennis Morgan, Edward G. Robinson, Dore Schary, Benay Venuta, and Jack and Harry Warner.

Johnny Green, who served as music director of last year's Academy Award presentations, was chairman for the motion picture industry's support of the orchestra, and Mrs. Bert Allenberg (actor's agent) received a special note of thanks on the program for serving as chairman of the overall organizing committee.

DUE to my rather peculiar requirements, it's rare enough to come across a couple of publicity items which I can quote without compunctions or comment, and I intend to take full advantage of the opportunity given me by the Yeshiva University News and Warner Bros. Publicity Department, respectively.

Item number one, dealing with an old and esteemed buddy, reports that Rabbi Joshua Epstein of Quebec City "has a regular weekly broadcast over the local English-speaking station. This is believed to be the only weekly Jewish broadcast on a Canadian station."

THE SECOND ITEM I feel almost honor bound to use, since it clearly represents a considerable expenditure of dramatic imagination on the part of someone in the W.B. publicity office, and if I don't use it, certainly no one else will. Here goes:

"The difference between Western bagels and Eastern bagels caused a minor crisis on the set of Warner Bros.' 'Tomorrow Is Another Day.' Director Felix Feist discovered that the bagel-peddler's cart in a New York street scene was loaded with Western-type bagels—i.e. small and donut shaped. He insisted on the Eastern type—i.e. larger and pretzel shaped. The property master finally hustled up some of the Eastern bagels from a delicatessen on Los Angeles' Brooklyn Avenue."

But that's the film business for you. Out of one crisis and into the next.

WITH THE RABBIS

The engagement of Rabbi MICHELL DONN GELLER, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Max Geller of Houston, Tex., and Miss Helen Golda Lesser, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. D. N. Lesser of Brooklyn, has been announced . . . Rabbi EDWARD ZERIN has

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

A WOMAN FINALLY JOINS DEBATE
ON VIABILITY OF 613 COMMANDMENTS

By HELEN COHEN

A LETTER from Mrs. Harold Wein of Greenville, Ky., bears printing I think for several reasons. It is the first comment on the issues of Biblical law since this particular debate opened in the column in which a woman has seen fit to enter the fray. Since she closed with "best wishes," I can assume that if she isn't for me, she at least "ain't agin' me," which also is a "first" in this discussion. And from the story she sent along, I can deduce that the person who set down the tale—if no one else—must have been among those who erroneously believed that the 613 Commandments are still observable ("I observed all the 613 religious duties scrupulously"). She writes:

"I read your column each week and believe there is entirely too much controversy over the Taryag Mitzvot (613 Commandments). Following is a story which I think answers or ends all discussion. It is from A Treasury of Jewish Folklore.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARADISE

The Gates of Paradise stood open and the procession of souls of men reached to the Heavenly Tribunal.

First came a rabbi.

"I'm learned in the Law," he said. "Night and day have I pored over the Word of God. I therefore deserve a place in Paradise."

"Just a moment," called out the Recording Angel. "First we must make an investigation. We've got to find out what was the motive for your study. Did you apply yourself to learning for its own sake? Was it for the sake of honor or for mercenary reasons?"

Next came a saintly man.

"How I fasted in the life I left behind! I observed all the 613 religious duties scrupulously. I bathed several times a day and I studied the mysteries of the Zohar ceaselessly."

"Just a minute," cried the Recording Angel. "We first have to make our investigation about the purity of your intentions."

Then a tavern-keeper approached. He said simply, "My door was always open to the homeless and I fed whoever was in need and hungry."

"Open the Gates of Paradise!" cried the Recording Angel. "No investigation is needed."

I ATTENDED the funeral services last week of the father-in-law of a friend. He had lived out a full life, had been a simple unassuming person; not a great deal needed to be said except to try to comfort the grieving mourners. Then the rabbi added that he had just learned that when the deceased had been a young man his father had died (his mother must have gone before) and that he had taken over the job of being both father and mother to his two younger brothers, one ten and one even younger. He had raised them both, the rabbi told us, in the paths of righteousness.

If there are gates leading into heaven, they were open wide that day.

AT THE time of our discussion some months back on the importance of mothers teaching their daughters traditional dishes while they were still at home, I rather expected some one to inquire why I couldn't have learned them after marriage.

I could have given two reasons why that arrangement wouldn't have worked out well. First, the responsibility of running a house and raising children are slightly less favorable conditions for learning new dishes than carefree youth. And secondly, it wasn't feasible to put through a long distance call to Florida every time I needed instructions.

However, I have learned a thing or two on my own, and one of those recipes was for Matzoh balls for Pesach. For years Passover was a time when I yearned to be back again at my parents' table. I felt lost when it came to preparing the special dishes. But by now I've become much more at home in the Passover section of the cookbook, each year trying out new ideas.

I want to tell you about the Kneidle recipe. It was in the early years after our marriage that I asked Mrs. Sidney Weinstein for help and the recipe she gave me, she said, was in the "Settlement" cookbook. I've used it many times since, during the year as well as on Pesach, and it comes out fine.

From the Settlement Cook Book by Mrs. Simon Kander:

MATZOS KLOESE (DUMPLINGS)

2 tbs. chicken fat 1 cup water (boiling)
1 egg, slightly beaten Pepper and nutmeg to taste
1 tsp. salt ½ tsp. chopped parsley
1 cup matzos meal

Pour boiling water over matzos meal, stir until water is absorbed, add fat, then egg and seasoning. Mix well. When cool place in refrigerator for hour or longer. Roll dough into balls the size of a walnut. If sticky, grease palms of hands or moisten with cold water occasionally. Drop into boiling soup 15 minutes before serving. Boil gently, uncovered. (I usually use a little less than the required matzos meal and substitute a few cut up celery leaves for the parsley.)



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Fradkin

Fradkin is a metronymic, a family name formed out of the forename of a matriach. The name of the lady was Freide, a Jewish feminine counterpart of the Hebrew name Simcha (Joy). The affectionate diminutive of Freide is Fradl or Fradke. The terminal "-n" is Russian and denotes descent. Many Jewish family names commemorate the family mother instead of the father, either because the wife was more important than the husband or because she was widowed and instead of remarrying devoted her life to the education of her children.

Dear Mr. Pearlroth,

I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know the meaning of my husband's family name. They all came from Riga, Latvia and some spell the name Rakusin, some Răcusin. My husband's grandfather had seven brothers and they were also related to the Wisotsky of the famous tea from Russia.

MRS. BESSIE RAKUSIN

416 Porter St., N.E.

Warren, O.

Rakusin

Rakusin is a family name of geographical origin. Its root is the community of Rakuzino in the District of Dryssa, Gubernia of Witebsk, Russia, where the family must have originated. The geographical name is connected with the Slavonic term for "snails" or "mussels." They must have abounded in the vicinity of Rakuzino.

The first grain elevator in the Middle East will soon be erected in the Port of Haifa. More than 165 feet high, it will be one of the tallest structures in Israel, and will have a 12,000-ton storage capacity, which will later be increased. The use of the elevator will make possible the importation of grain in bulk, involving an estimated annual saving of \$1,120,000 in import costs.

What Foods These Morsels Be

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RUBY Rubenstein, Box 313, Thomas, W. Va. asks for the recipe for mead for Passover. Leah Leonard in Jewish Cookery lists a Homemade mead (Old-fashioned recipe)

2 oz. dry hops 1½ oz. white ginger
2 gallons strained honey (optional)
8 gallons water 2 lemons, sliced very thin

Tie hops in cheesecloth. Combine water and honey and in a large cooking vessel and add ginger, hops and lemon. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Reduce heat and let cook gently 30 minutes. Skim as necessary during the cooking process. Let mead cool in vessel before straining through a double layer of fine cheesecloth into a wooden cask. Do not fill cask more than ¾ full to permit fermentation without overflow.

Let stand at room temperature uncorked until fermentation stops, approximately 3 weeks. Bottle if desired and store in a cool, dark place until wanted. To produce a dark amber mead add 1 cup of sugar which has been heated over moderate heat till dark brown. This may be added to some of the mead after fermentation stops if 2 varieties of this delicious beverage are desired.

Yields approximately 8 gallons. For smaller quantity, reduce ingredients accordingly.

GETTING down to business on Passover suggestions, we offer ideas for cakes and frostings.

BOILED FROSTING FOR CAKES

Number 1

1 cup sugar 1 cup water
½ teaspoon or more cinnamon
Mix ingredients, and boil together for 5 minutes.

Number 2

1 cup sugar 2 egg whites, beaten stiff
½ cup water 1 apple, grated, if desired
Boil sugar and water together until the mixture forms threads. Remove from fire, and pour slowly into egg whites. Add grated apple if desired, and beat until stiff. Mashed strawberries or cooked mashed pineapple or prunes may be used instead of apples.

APPLE CAKE

8 eggs, separated 1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon orange juice
¼ cup sugar 1 cup matzo meal
8 apples, grated ¼ cup almonds, ground
Add the salt to the egg whites and beat until stiff. Add sugar gradually and beat it in with egg whites; beat in egg yolks. Add apples, matzo meal, almonds and cinnamon, mix, and add orange juice. Line pan with waxed paper and bake at 325 degrees for an hour and a quarter.

JELLY ROLL

4 eggs, separated ½ cup cake meal
grated rind of ½ lemon ¼ teaspoon salt
or orange powdered sugar
½ cup sugar jelly or boiled frosting
Beat together well the egg yolks and the sugar until they are creamy and light. Add grated rind. Sift cake meal three times, and add. Add salt to egg whites, beat until stiff, and fold into dough. Line a pan about 8 by 12 inches with waxed paper, spread dough evenly in pan, and bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes. When done, lift out cake with paper, and place on a damp cloth for a few minutes, then turn over onto waxed paper sprinkled with powdered sugar. Remove paper in which cake was baked, spread cake with jelly or boiled frosting, and roll up. Wrap in waxed paper, then in damp cloth, let stand 15 minutes. Remove wrapping, and dust cake with powdered sugar. Slice and serve.

KOMISS BROT

2 cups matzo meal 2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon potato flour juice of ½ lemon
6 eggs, well beaten 1 teaspoon fat
2 cups chopped nuts ½ teaspoon salt
Mix together all ingredients to make a stiff dough. Place in greased bread pan, brushing top with beaten egg yolk. Bake at 325 degrees for an hour.

for a greater measure of Passover pleasure

A Rush Project For Council Of Jewish Women

RABBI Barnett Brickner has sent back reports of indescribable privation of the Jews of North Africa and recommends that "some organization should immediately stimulate a clothing campaign on behalf of these Jews."

One paragraph in Rabbi Brickner's letter is particularly heart-rending.

"The most heart-rending sight of all, of course, is the sadness on the faces of little children. Every child who goes to school (and they cannot all go, because of lack of space) get a little dog-tag which he wears around his neck. This is his 'meal-ticket,' which entitles him to warm food. The children stand in line for their rations, with plaintive eagerness. But these are the lucky ones. Other children, who are not in school, stand outside and wait on the chance that there will be some food left over. We found it most painful to look at these youngsters. They

also wear a tag, which is inscribed with a letter, 'C' meaning 'candidate.' We watched them one day in the rain. Stolidly they stood their ground, in their tatters, barefooted, dirty . . . but hopeful."

There is no conflict between the need in Israel and the need in Morocco and other North African Jewish communities. All these Jews are slated for emigration to Israel although they will have to wait until the Jewries of lands where a time limit (Iraq Jews must get out immediately and the Iron curtain countries may close the curtain at any time) will have escaped.

It would seem that the Council of Jewish Women could put on a quick, spirited drive for clothes for these children. It is too late to help much against the stinging winter winds now, but the clothes will arrive in time for next year, and of course, clothes will be most welcome for summer wear too.

How about it, Council?

Use Jews To Give Testimonials For Jewish Projects

WERE IT not for the fact that the National Jewish Welfare Board is one of our most beneficent national Jewish organizations, a news release it sent out this week it might deserve censure.

The release is in connection with Jewish Youth Week, a project of the JWB. Of the five people asked to give laudatory comments on Jewish youth week, only one is a Jew, and none is a rabbi.

Senator Lehman is called on for a message, and this is proper enough. But the other four, although prominent in youth work, are slightly out of place.

They are all friends of the Jewish group,

and certainly not in the least to be censured for responding to an invitation to be quoted about Jewish youth week.

But why not ask Jews instead of Mrs. Roosevelt or Oscar Ewing or Katherine F. Lenroot or Mayor Impellitteri?

We hope we aren't being picayunish in this. The JWB has been one of our favorite organizations, if a national Jewish organization can be said to be the favorite of The Post. It has enjoyed excellent national leadership recently, first in Frank Weil and now in Irving Edison, and it certainly can not be said to be lacking in seeking to impart Jewish content to the activities of its local affiliates.

Need For Making Non-Jewish Friendship

SOONER or later it is going to be necessary for the point to be made that Jews should make more friendship among the general population.

It may be premature at this time when the need for concentrating all our energies on obligations in connections with preserving Judaism in the U.S. and aiding Jews abroad is so urgent to indicate the abnormality of this tendency to cut ourselves off from contact with the general community.

But the unhealthiness of the present situation if it persists for too long, must be quite apparent.

It may be that whereas up until Hitler, the

"accepted" Jew found his way into the non-Jewish country club or other select company, that now it is possible for the Jew to broaden his acquaintanceship by inviting non-Jews to share his association with other Jews.

The type of Jew who shunned other Jews in order to gain non-Jewish acceptance is a thing of the past. There no longer is the same danger as there was in the past that the Jew would reject his Jewish associations.

The dignified Jew whose religion serves his spiritual needs will find that he can win acceptance as he is and for what he is, without affecting whatsoever his outlook on himself, his Jewishness or his Jewish contacts.

A Chance To Prove Good Will To Negro

THE attempt of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit to halt what it calls a "rapid migration of Jewish people" out of a neighborhood into which Negro families are moving, is certainly to be praised.

But human nature being what it is, and Jews being like other people except more so, the chances of success of the Council seem slim.

Brotherhood week is just over, and those who feel that good-will speeches are wasted on Jews because Jews most certainly know the results of ill-will, should pause to study the implication of the Detroit situation.

It is probably true that real estate operators are behind what the Council calls "the panic" among the home-owners, but unless there was fertile ground, these evil-intentioned men could not have made much headway.

Many of the Negroes moving in are of a higher calibre than those Jewish families which are moving out. It is to the Jewish families who resent what is happening that the appeal of the Council may be influential.

Wouldn't it be a glorious evidence on good-will if the Jewish home-owners were to decide to resist with all their might the efforts to get them to flee?

No Need To Search Out Unwarranted News Items

THERE IS enough news of interest to the Jewish group going around, if a paper is alert enough to search it out, without having to resort to far-fetched illustrations as in the case of the following event in Denver.

An athletic club which was inhospitable to Jews and Negroes caught fire. Among the firemen who fought the blaze were fire chief Allie Feldman, who is Jewish, and three other Jewish firemen plus a Negro fire-fighter auxiliary.

The lead on the news item reporting this event said that the club was "saved from total destruction by Jewish and Negro fire fighters," etc. and concluded by "admiring the firemen

who so courageously allowed duty to triumph over what must have been extreme temptation."

Unfortunately for the motivation of this news item, the firemen were only performing their duty. Just how much realism there is to this kind of news story becomes obvious when one asks the question what would happen to the firemen had they refused to fight the blaze.

This actually is dangerous reporting if the implications of the item are analyzed, but The Post doesn't care to go into that aspect of it.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

I HAVE a letter from Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz, of Wilmington, Del. which carries the postscript, "If this is a little 'too hot' blame it upon the hour: it is now 2 a. m."

The letter is not too hot—there are no letters, unless they be scurrilous, which The Post considers too hot.

Here is the letter:

"It seems you have been intimidated by a bunch of Reform Rabbis into dismissing bald-headed Ward Moore as your book reviewer.

"What is good for the goose is good for the gander: unless I find Ward Moore's column in The Post again, I shall be forced by your dismissal of him to cancel my subscription to your paper. I shall use the little influence I have in seeking others to do likewise.

"I sincerely sympathize with your plight and I recognize that you are an 'innocent bystander.' However, as you already know, Ward Moore is a man of letters, a novelist, a book-reviewer in a Los Angeles Daily, and a serious student of religion and Judaism. Because a few shallow and 'liberal' rabbis with myopic prejudices seek to have him dismissed—I am forced by this their tactics to discontinue my subscription.

"I hate to do this. I find your paper honest and as is humanly possible impartial (if anything, a little disposed to respect the inflated, pompous power of Reform wealth. Let me add: you are hurting your prestige by falling for their talk. May God bless you, Gabe."

That is the letter and I hate to take advantage of Leonard but he's left himself wide open.

I have not dismissed Ward Moore, and I have the highest regard for his reviewing. When Ben Gallob announced that he was leaving, Mr. Moore wrote him that he planned to discontinue his book-reviewing for The Post. He maintained that he had written about 50,000 words for The Post, and no longer was able to spare the time involved for reading the books, and then writing the reviews.

We did our best to dissuade him, but as of this writing, that is his decision. He still has six or eight books or so on which reviews will be forthcoming. I certainly hope (and not because we are going to lose Rabbi Gewirtz's sub) that Mr. Moore changes his mind. Here he has built up a reading public which has a high regard for his erudition and most certainly for his integrity; he has become a name

and an influence in the American Jewish community, and last and perhaps least, he is a valuable addition to The Post's congeries of writers.

In Chicago, the Jewish National Fund paid honor last evening to Max Kopstein at its annual Purim celebration. I wish I could have been present. I have the highest regard for Max. He's a successful lawyer, and a very observant Jew, and very few people in Chicago are spoken of with greater respect.

Although I know it will be less than fair to the drive chairman and the other leaders, if the annual drive goes over in Greater Miami this year, I am going to give credit to my friend Fred Shochet, who is chairman of the metropolitan unit in the campaign. Reports thus far show the giving at about 20 per cent over last year, which is very encouraging, especially since the drive is about two-thirds completed. Fred is publisher of The Jewish Floridaan.

New Function Bulletins Tell Rabbi Still Alive

YONKERS, N. Y.—A new function for the congregation bulletin has been found by Rabbi Albert A. Goldman of Yonkers, N. Y. "It is the one way," writes Rabbi Goldman in his own Temple Emanu-El Bulletin "to tell his people that he is alive." After remarking that he receives bulletins from temples all over the country, Rabbi Goldman declared that they are comforting because "they fortify me in the feeling that I am not the only Rabbi who has problems."

One problem at least, is membership, since Rabbi Goldman can hardly derive much satisfaction from attendance. "The fact that 85 per cent of the membership is not present is not too great a deterrent, since I am happy they at least belong. Rabbi Goldman believes some one reads the bulletins even if it is not 'most congregants.' They 'are for consumption elsewhere, usually for another rabbi.'"

"Nordau Plaza" will be the name of Israel's newest and biggest hotel, for which the cornerstone has just been laid in Tel Aviv. Named after Max Nordau, famous Zionist leader, the hotel will contain 200 rooms, and will face the sea.

Portion of the Week

Parashass "Tzav" (Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36; Haphtarah: Jeremiah 7:21 - 8:3; 922,23).

DURING the past week the household of Israel commemorated the Feast of Purim and was once more reminded of the divine help that the Jewish people in Shushan received through the courageous act of a Hebrew maiden.

Now we hear about the various offerings aimed at raising the people to some degree of holiness. These are burnt offerings, meal offerings, guilt offerings, peace and thank offerings, and the period described is about 1200 BCE.

In the prophetic portion, the Prophet Jeremiah risks his life by denouncing mechanical performance of sacrifice without true repentance from evil ways. It was the year 608 BCE at a solemn gathering of the people in the Temple area. As long as the

people transgressed moral law, he thundered, with only empty adherence to ritual, national disaster would inevitably follow. His courageous words so angered the priest and the people that his life was in jeopardy.

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Sees Issue Not A Theocracy In Israel, But Denial Of Right To Minority

Editor National Jewish Post

In the uninhibited spate of speeches and articles on the freedom of Judaism in Israel, it seems to me that a wholly subsidiary question has diverted attention from the main issue, to the confusion of the entire discussion. The news article in your issue of Feb. 16, 1951, on the visit to Cleveland of Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister of Religion in Israel, and your editorial in a previous issue, serve considerably to clarify the question.

By way of preface, it must be borne in mind that the matter must be considered by us Jews of America as precisely that: Jews, and Americans. We can in all integrity regard it from no other points of reference. As Jews, we constitute a religious tradition; and practice; the tradition, in a word, that holds it as man's chief task "to perfect the world under the kingdom of the Almighty," which goal is to be attained by observing the precepts and practices of Judaism. As Americans, we can recognize no technique of social and political organization other than the democratic process. (Happily

for us, Judaism is not antagonistic to democracy; to the contrary, democracy is of the very warp and woof of the fabric of Judaism.)

It is from this twin approach that we Jews of America must consider the question of religious freedom in Israel. As you correctly stated in the editorial to which I refer, religious freedom in Israel is assured to the Christian and the Moslem; it is in doubt only with respect to the Jew. I would extend your conclusion one step: religious freedom is assured to the non-religious Jew in Israel; the only segment of the Israeli population to whom it is not granted is the non-Orthodox religious Jew.

Our clue to a sound appraisal of the problem is to be found . . . in your news article referred to above . . . It is all very well for Rabbi Maimon to say that "it is possible that a Reform or Conservative Rabbi could become the Chief Rabbi of Israel." The heart of the matter is revealed, however, when you state him to have said that "he would personally be opposed to approval of such an organization (of Reform

or Conservative Jews in Israel) because "we are one people in Israel with one religion and one way of life." Now that position is inaccurate factually, dangerous programatically, and evil democratically.

Here also there is the unmistakable undertow of double-talk. Rabbi Maimon says, quoting from your article: "Any non-Orthodox Jewish religious group in Israel would not be denied its democratic rights." But it is obvious that before a group can exercise any rights, it must exist; and that the first right any group can have is to come into existence. But it is precisely at this point—*en ventre sa mere*, so to speak—that Rabbi Maimon would do his best to prevent the birth of these groups.

It is double-talk to say: I am in favor of democratic rights for groups that disagree with me, but I will oppose them when they seek to come to life. And it is the very negation of democracy for the majority to deny to the minority the right to function as a minority group. Rabbi Maimon does not need to be read a lesson on the "Ein Volk, Ein

Reich, Ein Fuehrer" doctrine of Nazi Germany, or on the sorrows that were and are today visited on our people wherever they were and are a minority, or on the full freedom of discussion and debate that is one of the glories of the Talmud—*Mahloket she-hi le-shem shamayim*. Or does he? Need he be reminded of the Bed of Sodom?

There has been much loose talk of the religious group in Israel seeking to found a theocracy there. The primary meaning of that term is "a government among men recognizing the immediate sovereignty of God and receiving his revelations as its civil law" (Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary). I do not think that the Religious Bloc in Israel really seeks a theocracy in that sense. They know that the laws of the Torah, even as interpreted and expanded in the "Talmud," "Shulhan Arukh" and "Shaalot u-Teshuvot," are inadequate to the needs of today. Therefore, in the light of Rabbi Maimon's views as reported in your article, it must be concluded regretfully that what the Religious Bloc seeks is plain, una-

dulterated power.

That is what we American Jews have a right, and the duty, to object to—the undemocratic, unJewish stifling of other Jewish religious points of view, which is much more important than the internal Israeli regulations as to who may or may not solemnize marriages. For the Religious Bloc to play power politics at a time when the cruelly overburdened nation needs a concentration of all its energies on constructive programs is nothing short of tragic.

The little republic has enough to do to complete its *gibuz galuyot* and to gain economic stability and to guard itself against external enemies, without having to be distracted by an internecine *mahloket she-enah le-shem shamayim*. We Jews have suffered too much from religious bigotry throughout the ages, including in Palestine during previous Commonwealths, not to be alive by now to its evils and sinfulness. Are we never to learn?

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QUOTES LILLIENBLUM LETTER TO SHOW RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TO COME TO ISRAEL

Editor National Jewish Post

Here is an interesting historical footnote to the controversy about freedom of religion in Israel. I came across it in my study of the Chovevei Zion movement.

In a letter dated March 26, 1882, the famed Odessa lover of Zion, Moses Loeb Lillienblum, wrote:

"I am sure that, if the salvation of Israel comes in Zion, then, after twenty or thirty years, the Shulchan Aruch and all of its laws of holiness will fall away, never to rise, for a people living a life of political independence, and not a life of slavery, must cast away such vain things, as it would an affliction. Look at the Talmud until the days of Hillel and Shammai with open eyes, and you will see that it is a precious vessel, but full of repairs; but beginning with the days of their students, at the time that Israel went from freedom into servitude, it was turned into a cup of bitterness, and for every amendment there were a hundred dis-

graces, and the more they lost their political independence, the more and more they devoted themselves to servitude in religious matters, too, until religion made a Gehenna here in the land of the living.

"Let Israel once achieve freedom in its own land, and then the people will feel that it is necessary to live like human beings, and then there will arise a supreme court, not of hungry (dishlickers!), foolish rabbis, but of wise men who know the times, and are fit to stand at the head of a people who love liberty, and then these matters will be clarified as they should be.

My personal opinion is that Lillienblum, speaking seventy years ago, possessed a good deal of foresight, and that, in due time we will not only see complete religious freedom in Israel, but that Orthodoxy will become modernized there. To a large extent this is already true.

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Comment On Miracles "New Low In Stupidity"

Editor National Jewish Post

In your issue of March 9 there appears a letter from a certain Rabbi Diamond, which hits a new low in stupidity, lay or rabbinical. It seems that one of your orthodox readers cited a Catholic scientist to support his belief in the possibility of miracles. This, for the rabbi, "is but another indication of how closely Orthodoxy approximates Catholicism in authoritarianism."

"I thought I had a sense of humor, but the gag escapes me.

Then, continues our rabbi, "if my colleague is logical, he must, among others, accept the 'miracle' of the virgin birth, hence the divinity of Jesus—which even we Reform Jews reject."

How can one comment on such gibberish? If the rabbi is serious then his understanding of Judaism, Christianity and especially logic does little credit either to his seminary or to the college where he may have registered at one time for a course in logic.

Mrs. Helen Cohen should take note, in reference to the religious writings of a certain Hollywood personality, that all the wisdom and learning are not with all the rabbis.

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No Slur Meant, Schools Have His Full Support

Editor National Jewish Post

I am writing this letter to correct an impression which seems to have arisen in the minds of some readers of the N.J.P. who read your report in my article in the Congress Weekly, that I am antagonistic to the All-Day School and the Talmud Torah. I want to state unequivocally that I heartily approve the all-day school movement and the Talmud Torah type of school. These schools, wherever they may be, have my full support and sincerest blessings. I am ready to serve them to the limit of my ability.

I shall appreciate your publishing this letter in order to

CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE CHANGED; FREEDOM ENDANGERED; NO HAM AND EGGS

Editor National Jewish Post

In reference to your letter entitled, "What Kind of Religious Freedom in Israel?" may I point to another serious defect in the religious freedom of Israel? Try as he may, from Dan to Beersheba, an American tourist cannot get his favorite ham and eggs in any restaurant either in the Jewish, or even in the Arab section of Israel. It is surprising to me that nobody has thus far discovered this damaging flaw in the constitution of Israel.

While you devote much conspicuous space to a blemish in Israel's constitution that is no more than a beauty spot on the angelic face of a bride, you give but a few lines, in an obscure spot in your paper, to a fight the New York Board of Rabbis has

been waging to secure religious freedom for the 2,500,000 Jews living in the Empire State.

According to the constitution of that state, a Jew who observes his own Sabbath is a law-breaker if he keeps his store open on Sunday, and it is only by the grace of the police that he escapes arrest and paying a fine. The New York Board of Rabbis has been fighting for over half a century to induce the legislature to grant to the Jewish Sabbath observers the constitutional right to keep their establishments open on Sunday, but thus far, it has been a losing fight. Thus, our much-boasted democracy is far from being perfect.

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RABBINICAL STUDENT DISPUTES THEORY OF PROF. HIGGER ON PROBLEM OF AGUNAH

Editor National Jewish Post

In your article by Marc Tanenbaum, which dealt with Dr. Michael Higger's new and strikingly simple plan for solving the vexing problem of the Aguna, the addition of the phrase "Al Daat Bet Din" in the marriage formula recited by the group, is called for. This phrase, according to the contention of Dr. Higger, would empower any Bet Din to nullify retroactively any marriage.

As a theological student studying at the Rabbinical College of Telshe, I was very amused to read this so called theory, and likewise perturbed at the assertion that his proposal is "within ramification of Jewish Law."

In reality any person acquainted with Halachic principles can easily recognize that the aforementioned proposal is void of the elements of basic Talmudic Law. We find in the Talmud "Kol Dimikadesh Adaato Dera-bonon Mikadesh" ("All who marry, do so on conditional consent

of the Rabbis) cf. Babli; Kethubot 3a, Gittin 33a, 73a, Baba Bathra 48b, Yebamot 90b. Every marriage therefore is ipso facto "Al Daat Bet Din." If according to Dr. Higger's assertions there is reason to nullify retroactively any marriage, why the superfluous phrase "Al Daat Bet Din?"

The Shittah Mekubetzett (Vol. I, fol. 3a, Compendium of Early Talmudic Glosses Compiled by R. Bezalel Ashkenazi) adduces a quotation from the responsa of R. Solomon Ben Adrett (Rashba) to the effect that the rabbis are not empowered to nullify retroactively any marriage, using Aguna as their sole basis for nullification. Even if there appear witnesses to the fact that the husband was last seen drowning in an ocean, the woman remains an Aguna. Only if there be basic evidence of one witness affirming the death of the husband are the

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INJUDICIOUS USE OF WORDS ON ISSUE OF SURGEONS FOR CIRCUMCISIONS HIT

Editor National Jewish Post

In the March 9 issue you report Dr. Solomon Goldman's suggestion that surgeons be encouraged to replace the traditional Mohelim. In this connection you refer to him as the "veteran of many a battle to bring common sense into Jewish religious practice."

All of us have the deepest regard for Dr. Goldman, although in this instance not only the Orthodox Rabbinate will take vehement issue with his recommendation. Even Dr. Goldman's own colleagues in the Rabbinical Assembly, through its Commission on Law, have also already taken a definite stand against the use of surgeons to perform circumcision.

It is not my intention to publicly debate this issue or the indefinite characteristics that Dr. Goldman establishes as qualifying conditions for surgeons.

However, I do want to urge caution in using phrases like "to bring common sense into Jewish religious practice" in describing non-authorized pronouncements on changes in Jewish law.

Editorial discretion requires a more serious weighing of a phrase like "common sense," which not only misleads readers, but when applied to one side of a controversy implies the denial of its application to the other. Those of us, who are also veterans of many a religious battle, feel that our struggles for the maintenance of the sanctity of the precept of Milah, which is hallowed by Torah and traditions, are equally qualified by common sense.

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Says Rabbis Getting Letters From Jewish, Non-Jewish Anti-Semites On Cage Fix

NEW YORK—Rabbis "are receiving letters from Jewish and non-Jewish anti-Semites" in connection with the recent disclosures of corruption in basketball, Rabbi Louis I. Newman reports in the current issue of the Rodeph Sholom "Chronicle".

The letters point "the finger of hatred and condemnation" to Jews, Rabbi Newman said.

Addressing himself to Jewish parents, Rabbi Newman declared that they would "be amazed at the attitudes which some of the children take towards moral issues." He berated the indifference of the parents "to the activities of

the synagogue and its message," and blamed them for sowing "in some instances a wind which may reap a whirlwind."

He told the parents that they "must not encourage self indulgence on the part of your children; you must not sanction an attitude among them based on the principle: 'anything goes if you can get away with it.'"

Rabbi Newman said that "the presence of some persons of Jewish origin in the sordid (gambling) situation is causing heartache to champions of the good name of the Jewish community."

ORTHODOX COLONIES MAY LET LAND LIE FALLOW IN SABBATICAL YEAR

JERUSALEM—The problems with observing the Shemittah, the Sabbatical Year of the Biblical era when all land is permitted to lie fallow, is being studied by Orthodox settlements in Israel.

Shemittah falls in the next Jewish calendar year, and already one group, the Poale Agudas Israel, is laying plans for a fund-raising drive to purchase food and forage for the Sabbatical year.

Although in biblical history the Sabbatical year never was widely observed because of the difficulties involved, the practice of not cultivating the land every seventh year continued intermittently throughout the years.

THEORY OF PROF. HIGGER ON AGUNAH DISPUTED BY RABBINICAL STUDENT

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rabbis empowered to nullify the thought of conditional marriage. marriage and release the wife from the status of Aguna.

If, on the other hand, it is the intention of Dr. Higger's theory, by adding the phrase "Al Daat Bet Din," to create a situation by which the groom marries his bride specifically conditional on the acceptance of a modern Bet Din, then the entire proposal is a new subterfuge for an old plan.

The proposal for conditional marriage as a solution of the Aguna problem was broached by the French rabbinate a few decades ago. Their so called proposal created world-wide denunciation by all leading Talmudic authorities of the generation.

The world rabbinate threatened to ostracize from Klal Yisroel "all Jews who dared marry conditionally, declaring that no marriage can be nullified without a traditional divorce. They pronounced all children born from a second marriage as illegitimate if a Jewish divorce annulling the first marriage was not previously obtained.

In the book "Ein Tnai Benisuin" (There Can Be No Conditional Marriages; Vilna 1930, edited by D. Varanovsky) can be found scores of essays and proofs by the greatest Torah minds, numbering more than four hundred, who officially expostulate and refute halachacally any

NEW EVIDENCE FOUND AGAINST CCNY PROF

NEW YORK—The new evidence bolstering the charge of Anti-Semitism against Prof. William E. Knickerbocker of City College of New York's Romance Language Department was not expected to receive more than cursory attention from officials of the Board of Higher Education.

Proffered by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, the evidence purports to show that four out of seven years Prof. Knickerbocker passed over higher-ranking Jewish students to award the Ward medal to a non-Jew.

The League charged that one

the basic moral codes of the Jew. According to the opinion of our sages "Kedushin Al Tnai" is considered immoral, that the retraction of the groom's specified condition, before the conclusion of the marriage ceremony, is a certainty, unless definite proof is furnished otherwise. (cf. Babbli; Kethubot, 72b, 73a; Tosefot 73a Beg. "Lo Teimo"). Conditional marriage remains uncertain and flimsy always subject to retroactive annulment, thus transforming it into an illegal and immoral union "Al Daat Bet Din." The lasting endurance and compatibility of the Jewish marriage, its sanctity and beauty which it has continuously symbolized throughout these many centuries, crumbles and vanishes by the aforementioned proposal.

It remains therefore a needless task to debate any further on the above matter, for Dr. Higger's entire theory is simply a "Lapsus Calami."

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year in order to avoid giving the medal to a Jew, it was necessary to pass over the three highest ranking students, all Jewish, and the medal was given to a non-Jew who was actually ranked fourth in his class.

In each of two other years, the medal was given to the top non-Jew, although on both of these occasions a Jewish student actually held the highest record.

Never Used Mirrors Yemenites Can't Identify Photos

JERUSALEM — Just how primitive are the Yemenites is shown by their inability to identify photographs of themselves taken for their Israel identity certificates.

When the photographer returned with the prints of the pictures of the members of a camp, distribution was impossible. The Yemenites who had never seen a mirror, were unable to recognize themselves. Many refused to accept their photographs.

The procedure was postponed until the Yemenites had become "educated."

I THINK AS I PLEASE

MR. ALPERT PROVES HIMSELF RIGHT; MEZUZAH RETURNED WITH APOLOGIES

By CARL ALPERT

I HAD never known Silverman well enough to do more than nod when we met in the street. He seemed to be a friendly and likeable chap, but we rarely moved in the same circles, and even when he bought a new home in our neighborhood, we met only occasionally at the corner. Our wives, however, had struck up an acquaintanceship, as women do, and many months later we accepted at last the frequently offered invitation to "drop in some afternoon."

Their home was pleasant, cheerful, tastefully but not lavishly furnished. Their pride and joy was the completely equipped kitchen, the only room where they had splurged a little. It had all the latest gadgets, including an electric dishwasher and one of those sink disposal outfits which macerates and carries away all garbage. The Silvermans had saved for years to buy their own home, and modest though the structure was, they regarded it as the acme of their happiness and success.



ALPERT

AS I SAY, we had little to do with them socially, but when we found their card among those assigned to us for UJA solicitation we followed through at once. Their offer of a \$1.00 contribution came as a distinct shock and all our sales talk about the needs, the moral responsibility, and the relative size of other contributions in the neighborhood availed little. The dollar was refused firmly but not curtly. One could be disappointed with the Silvermans, but it was difficult to get angry with them.

Our relationship cooled somewhat thereafter, but continued proper. It was many months later, during a casual conversation between the two women, that the subject of mezuzahs was in some manner raised. The Silvermans had been in their new home for some time but had never put up a mezuzah. With reckless assurance my wife took it for granted that this was a matter of neglect only and she hastened to offer our cooperation. I was to bring back from the city samples of the new and striking Israel-made mezuzahs, from which the Silvermans could make their choice.

I REPRESSED my qualms and doubts and acceded, and a few days later brought home two attractive pieces. The more I thought about the matter, however, the more I became convinced that we had erred. For one thing, these mezuzahs cost from four to five dollars each. Surely the Silvermans were not prepared to pay that much, when it was possible to get little tin or plastic containers on the East Side for fifty cents or less. Besides, they might think I was profiteering, rather than just trying to help. In the second place, both of my samples were large and conspicuous. Putting up a mezuzah as a symbol of a Jewish home was one thing, but I could not picture the Silvermans' being receptive to a symbol which cried out their identity so strikingly in a predominantly non-Jewish neighborhood.

My rationalizing expanded. These were beautiful, hand-made pieces, products of master craftsmen in Israel, but what sentimental attachment did our neighbors have for Israel? Did the words, "Made in Israel," mean anything to them? How could they appreciate the chain of associations and values brought to mind by the item? To us the mezuzah was a religious symbol, a sign of Zionist fulfillment, an artistic masterpiece; to them, merely a superstitious token.

THUS I prepared all the arguments of sales resistance in reverse, and when the Silvermans visited for a few moments to see the mezuzahs I produced them with reticence. I trotted out all my best arguments to talk them out of buying. I emphasized the cost, and reminded them that simple, less ostentatious mezuzahs, could be bought for a fraction of the cost. They heard me through, and then selected the largest and most beautiful item. I thought of their failure to give adequately to the UJA; there went through my mind memories of some of the little luxuries with which they had graced their home, and inwardly I rebelled. This mezuzah was being wasted upon people who didn't deserve it and who wouldn't appreciate it. I was more discreet in my speech, of course, but all my efforts were in vain. They took the mezuzah and paid four dollars for it.

Three days later Mrs. Silverman came to see my wife and returned the mezuzah. They had just realized (though it was mid-winter) that the metal slab on the doorpost would be apt to interfere with the screen door, when it was put up, and they must regretfully return it. They offered their apologies for bothering us, etc. etc.

I was not interested in the excuses and explanations, but pounced triumphantly on the mezuzah. It had been saved! I sensed a great spirit of exultation.

My wife considers the whole episode sadly and says that I have been the victim of my own state of mind.

2,000 BRITISH JEWS REVIVE CUSTOM OF PASSOVER PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

LONDON—(WNS)—Reviving the ancient practice of making pilgrimages thrice a year to the Holy Land, over 2,000 British Jews have made transportation reservations to visit Israel this Passover.

Many of the visitors have relatives in Israel and others plan to see the country with a view to settling there permanently. Since the Government has permitted tourists to take along fifty pounds, there has been a marked increase in the number of Jews making or contemplating tours to Israel.

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FRANK REPORTS FROM ISRAEL LAUGHS AT GOLDMANN'S REQUEST FOR CABINET SEAT, CHIDES SILVER

By M. Z. FRANK

NAHUM GOLDMANN'S request that the Government of Israel admit at least one representative of the Jewish Agency or the World Zionist Organization to its meetings—even without a vote is funny.

It makes me think of the famous story of a Galician Jew in the First World War who, being a good patriot, decided to enlist in Franz Joseph's army. When he was told he was too old to be a soldier, he asked in amazement: "But don't you need any generals?"

Nahum Goldman is willing to settle for one general. He has no plan for organizing a single company, no plan for supplies, for putting men into the field. It does not matter. As long as he sits in on the General Staff.

RABBI ABBA Hillel Silver has not produced any plans of action either. I mean action for building Israel, not for politicking. But Silver has proven that when he has a plan, he can be an excellent general.

As far as Israeli politics is concerned, I am dead against Silver's line. Much as it hurts me, I agree with Rose Halpern's position. But, after you have taken stock of Silver's blunders and Silver's wrong headedness, he is still the best available—no, the only available—good candidate for the leadership of the World Zionist Organization.

I WOULD RATHER HAVE a good man at the head with whose policies I don't agree than no man at the head with whose policies I don't disagree.

And the Zionist movement today is in such a mess that it cannot carry on without strong leadership.

Perhaps even good leadership cannot save the movement, but certainly without leadership there is not even a chance.

THE GOVERNMENT of Israel is not well organized. But no one questions the need for a government in Israel. The governing body of the World Zionist Organization—the Jewish Agency—is even less well organized than the Government of Israel. And yet, nearly everybody questions the need for that body.

To prove its worth, the Jewish Agency will have to be better organized than the Government. The opposite is the fact.

The Government of Israel is subjected to terrific pressure from the Israeli public. Several times the Prime Minister felt constrained to meet that pressure—by publicly admitting that mistakes had been made, by undertaking to correct them, by calling for new elections, by rescinding regulations which turned out to be unpopular. Sooner or later that public pressure will force an improvement in the government machinery. The Army of Israel has been so thoroughly reformed that it is really a smooth running outfit. Sooner or later the civil service will come in for the same overhauling.

BUT TO whom is the Jewish Agency responsible? Where is that large public so directly interested in the Agency that it can exert pressure on it and force it to change its policy? Does anyone in his right sense imagine that a man who has been bludgeoned into paying \$5.00 a year to join the ZOA is as interested in the workings of the Jewish Agency as the average citizen of Israel is in his Government? Has he the same interests at stake? Has he the same information at his command?

The above questions are purely rhetorical and the answers to them are obvious. I am asking them in order to illustrate the ridiculous position both of Silver and of Goldmann.

Silver came down to New York and scared the Administrative Council of the ZOA into passing a resolution in favor of electing Krinitz as mayor of Ramath Gan. What in the ding-ding do the members of the A.C. know about the merits of the case? Do they live in Ramath Gan? How do they know that the Progressives ought to join the General Zionists and not the other way round? And do the members of the Administrative Council really represent the views and the interests of the 150,000 or 200,000 members of the ZOA on such matters? Why, the next thing you know the A.C., pretending to speak in the name of the whole membership—or of all of American Jewry for that matter—will vote to have the sign posts on the road to Elath painted purple, or the Eskimos in Alaska to wear straw hats in January. Why not?

I say, what Israel needs is not resolutions, but ice cream sodas in the Negev.

FOR THE past two years all Silver has done is tell people how to vote. He came down to one convention and told the delegates to vote for Frisch. He came down to another convention and told them to vote for Browdy. He kept Dewey Stone out of the presidency, he kept Mortimer May out of the presidency, he kept Irving Miller out of the presidency. Now he tells the ZOA to vote for XYZ in the Israeli elections.

Nevertheless, there are members of the Government of Israel,

SPORT SHORTS

By BARNEY AIN

LARRY MELL, younger brother of the N. Y. Yankees Mel Allen, who broadcasts the Yankees baseball games, will do a similar job this season telecasting the Cleveland Indians' games.

DON SHEFF, of Yale, edged his team captain Ray Reid, in the 100-yard free-style swim event with a new pool record of 0:51.5. Don formerly participated for the Thomas Jefferson High School and Flatbush Boys Club, of Brooklyn.

Abe Becker, star cageter of the New York University cage aggregation, who was instrumental in leading his team to an easy win over the Notre Dame cagesters, will be a member of the Eastern College squad that will play in the sixth annual Fresh Air East-West College All Star Basketball Game in Madison Square Garden on March 31st. In the high school preliminary event Dave Gotkin, of Thomas Jefferson, Al Friedberg of De Witt Clinton and Jerry Benson, of Erasmus Hall High Schools will be given starting berths. The team will be mentored by Al Badain, of Erasmus Hall, the N.Y. referee who worked the final of the National Jewish Welfare Board basketball tournament held in Montreal, Canada.

Sol Levy, athletic director at the Williamsburgh YMHA of Brooklyn, has been appointed chairman of a committee that will conduct junior and senior

of the leadership and rank and file in Mapai who still take Silver quite seriously. Not because of what he has been doing of late, but because of what he did in the past and because of what they think he could do in the future, under favorable conditions.

And that is more than they seem to think of Nahum Goldmann.

GOLDMANN HAS had the field to himself for two years now. He has not produced any funds—the UJA is doing that; he has not produced any man-power; he has not produced any new plan for revitalizing American Zionism; he has not given American Zionism a real stake in Israel which shall entitle it to demand some jurisdiction.

Before you ask for some authority, you must prove that you are entitled to it by your real contribution, or at least that, given that authority, you will be in a position to contribute something. When a man opens a factory in Israel, he has a right to ask the Government of Israel for some conditions, and then it is up to the Government to deal with that man—accept, refuse or offer a compromise. When the ZOA sells 100 millions of bonds for the Government of Israel, it can talk to the Government.

But all Goldmann has produced is a plan to sit in on the Cabinet.

I would rather vote for ice cream sodas in the Negev—or Fred Monnoson's name on the uncompleted ZOA house near the Kiryah. It is the same thing.

Ernie Lewis, 21, Wins SA' Golf Title

JOHANNESBURG—21-year-old Ernie Lewis, considered one of the best amateur golfers in South Africa, is the new Transvaal amateur champion.

Ernie, who is a student at Wits University, where he has held the school championship since 1948, downed Jimmy Boyd, champion for the past three years, 4 and 3 in the semi-finals.

cage tournaments for the Eastern District Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

A.Z.A. Chapters of New York City combined to enter a basketball team in the coming Metropolitan Amateur Athletic Union Invitation Basketball Tournament to be held beginning with March 29. All five boroughs of Greater New York will be represented.

Barney Ross, ex-fistic champion from Chicago, is now chairman of a Veteran of Foreign War fund-raising drive. Of late he has been entertaining Korea veterans at his Manhattan restaurant in a manner started by Al Schacht and Toots Shors.

MIKE BORODKIN, swim coach at Long Island University, boasts a record of ten successive wins for his charges against college teams this season. This year's wins gives the team 20 consecutive victories in a row over two undefeated seasons.

Lack of financial backing forced Union Temple, the Metropolitan A.A.U. Basketball Champions, and the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, winners of the National

Jewish Welfare Basketball Tournament held at Montreal, to withdraw from the National Amateur Athletic Union tournament scheduled for Denver over the current weekend.

First order of social business for Sugar Ray Robinson, the new middleweight pugilistic king, was to serve as guest speaker at a meeting of Sports B'nai B'rith Lodge, held at the Hotel New Yorker. Sports Lodge is composed mainly of sports writers of newspapers and periodicals.

Keep Your False Teeth. At Least For A While

NEW YORK (WNS)—Wearers of false teeth were urged not to discard them too hastily with news of the successful transplanting of growing teeth from the jaws of several kittens to those of others. The medical feat was reported here by Dr. Harry H. Shapiro of Columbia University college of physicians and surgeons.

A professor of anatomy at the medical school, Dr. Shapiro gave no assurance that the transplanting can be duplicated in humans. He said his method may open a fruitful field of study and become a key to many secrets in the development of the human body.

New Queen's Mother Jewish, Is Report

LONDON (WNS)—The mother of the new Persian Queen Suraya was a Jewish woman from Coblenz, Germany, whose name was Lola Feinman-Guttenstein, it was reported here this week.

According to the report, the Queen is the offspring of her mother's second marriage to a Persian banker. The Sheikh met his present wife in Sweden, where he fell in love with her at first sight, and married her after a brief and stormy courting period.

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American-Israeli Club Formed In New York

NEW YORK—An American-Israeli club has been organized here by the Manhattan Zionist Region of the Zionist Organization of America. The club held its first meeting this week, and already announcement has been made that the organization will acquire its own building soon. The club will hold monthly meetings of a cultural and social nature.

Editorial In 'The Reconstructionist' Draws Many Protests

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Its editorial stating that it might be necessary for the security of the West to include Spain, West Germany and Yugoslavia as allies has drawn many letters of protest, The Reconstructionist Magazine, official organ of the movement, admitted this week.

Replying to two letters it printed, one from Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, himself an editor of the publication, and a second from Rabbi Sidney J. Jacobs the editors said "don't think that you were the only ones to be grieved over the editorial . . ."

The controversial editorial (NJP, March 2, 1951) had pointed out that "to insist on the purity of our

allies is to misread the nature of the current struggle and to jeopardize the ultimate achievement of democratic aims." It said that "moral principles are not denied but affirmed when one chooses the lesser of two evils. To fail to make a choice betrays a measure of irresponsibility."

Rabbi Gittelsohn who won fame for his speech on Iwo Jima in World War II in which he served as a chaplain wrote of his "painful sense of shock" on reading the editorial and declared that he was "not half so concerned about what you refer to as 'the purity of our allies' as I am deeply moved, worried and disturbed about our own integrity . . ."

In reply, to the two letters of protest, "the ma-

jority of the editors" wrote a letter of their own pointing out that the original "editorial sought to clear away only the 'moral issue'." It added that "we did not specifically recommend any alliance, except in the event that it should be proved necessary."

The reply alluded to the last war when the U. S. and Russia were allies. "Did we not make allies of the Russians when the Nazis were the world menace?" it asked.

The editors said that they were grieved that "the world situation . . . made such a viewpoint necessary."

Charges Fly In Hearing On Congress Disputes

LOS ANGELES—Five hundred pages of testimony, almost all of it from members opposed to the national leadership was entered into the record in the hearing called by the American Jewish Congress administration to study charges against the local Congress chapter.

The local division, defended by former State attorney-General Robert W. Kenney and co-counsel Carey McWilliams, entered a parade of witnesses who affirmed their faith in the program of the local division, paid tribute to the local activity and generally charged the current strife to the national office.

Only a dozen witnesses were able to appear in the two-day hearing, which consequently was adjourned for another two weeks to give opportunity for more witnesses to be heard.

The position of the national administration was outlined by Byron Miller of the Chicago office of the Congress. The hearing committee was composed of Max A. Kopstein, Chicago lawyer and Leo H. Lowitz, also of Chicago.

A motion for dismissal of the charges by Kenney was denied after Miller had presented his charges. At the opening of the hearings, Kenney challenged the entire proceedings as denial of due process in view of the failure of the national executive committee to file specific charges as required under California law and the national AJC constitution. The objection was overruled.

Females Outnumber Males in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, S.A. — Although there is a shortage of Jewish women in South Africa, according to figures released by the Director of Census, no rush of Jewish women is expected here.

There are 53,814 males as against 50,342 females in South Africa, but the disparity is in the class of sixty and over. In that category there are 6,237 males as against 4,926 women.

In the 35-39 age bracket there are 5,554 men as against 4,771 women and in the 40-44 bracket the men are 4,605 and 4,102 for women. In almost all the other age divisions, the number of men and women are practically equal.

Next Move Waited In New York Hearing

NEW YORK—The next move in the hearing of executive committee charge against the Manhattan Division of the American Jewish Congress was being awaited here this week.

Manhattan division officials had walked out of a hearing last month, after the two-man hearing committee had refused a demand for particularization of charges against the division.

Shad Polier, vice-president of the AJC and its counsel at the hearing countered with the charge that the walk-out had been predetermined and that the action is "evidence that the officers (of the division) are continuing tactics of misrepresentation, disruption, irresponsibility and bad faith."

Officials of the AJC, contacted by The Post in connection with hearings here, in Philadelphia and in Los Angeles, minimized the situation, pointing out that only small numbers of the Congress' membership and chapters were involved.

Polier also pointed out that the hearing committee is not authorized to particularize the charges but is employed only to ascertain the facts and then to report to the executive committee. The right of appeal to the administrative committee is explicitly given by the constitution of AJ Congress.

The eight charges are:

1. Unauthorized use of name of Congress.
2. Violation of Congress directives.
3. Failure to carry out Congress program in good faith.
4. Circumvention of normal administrative program of Congress.
5. Association of name of Congress with causes injurious to good name of the movement.
6. Conduct of its activities in a manner calculated to disaffect large portions of Congress membership.
7. Participation by its chapter presidents in unauthorized

MAPAM FIGHTS AID FROM UNITED STATES

\$150,000,000 Grant-in-Aid Will Put Israel In Western Orbit; Economic Plight Deteriorates

JERUSALEM—The effect on Israel's position as between East and West of its request for a \$150,000,000 grant-in-aid from the U. S. although a very important question is nowhere as crucial as the problem of the nation's finances, political observers here feel.

Dr. Moshe Sneh, of Mapam, in the opening skirmish against accepting the grant, told the Knesset that the grant would mean Israel would be "subjugated by United States imperialism."

But the Mapam is facing a fight tougher than any it has conducted if it believes it can persuade the Israeli against the grant, so se-

vere is the economic crisis. The value of the Israeli pound has fallen to 80 cents on the Zurich Bourse from the official \$2.80 price, at which it is pegged. The result of this rapid descent has been increased inflation inside Israel.

Ali except Mapam and the outright Communists in the Knesset would line up for the grant. In this connection, it is felt, The New York Times correspondent reports, that Ben-Gurion would line Israel up officially with the Western bloc provided certain assurances were forthcoming.

2 Yeshiva U Players Make All-City Team

NEW YORK — Two Yeshiva University basketball stars, high scorer Marvin Hershkowitz and center Artie Stein, this week sported gold watches emblematic of their election to the all-city team in a poll conducted by radio station WMGM. The announcement was made by Marty Glickman, sports commentator, who conducted the poll.

Hershkowitz, who is a Junior in the College, has averaged 17.5 per game during the regular season. Stein, who is playing his last season of college ball, averaged 15. per game. He is the tallest man on the squad scaling 6'6".

Both players were described by Coach Bernie Sarachek, Yeshiva's coach and mentor of the Scranton Miners of the American Basketball League, as two of the finest players he has ever coached.

UJA Women's Division Raises Funds At Lunch

NEW YORK — (WNS) — The women's division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at a special gifts luncheon at the Hotel Astor raised nearly \$250,000 for the 1951 campaign.

meetings, in violation of Congress policy and directives.

8. Misrepresentation of Congress program at public meetings.

Immigration Laws Revision Asked By United Jewish Organization

HEAD TO COME... NNN L. WASHINGTON — The organized Jewish community of the United States was on record this week as strongly opposed to pending legislation before Congress.

Speaking through Judge Simon H. Rifkind, former Federal District Court in New York, the Jewish Community called the measures "restrictive and racially discriminatory." He asked for a thorough revision of the present immigration practices "from the standpoint of the traditional American deals."

Judge Rifkin testified before a joint congressional subcommittee in behalf of the National Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC), the Synagogue Council of America, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS).

The provisions of the McCarran bill, chief piece of legislation before the subcommittee, contrasts sharply with these principles.

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JWF Publishes Names of Delinquents in Newspaper

National Jewish Post

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The move, authorized by the board of governors of the fund, followed an announcement last December to the effect that the names of delinquent contributors would be published.

The largest delinquent pledge totalled \$4,000, \$2,500 of which was pledged in 1948 and the remainder the year before.

The News declared that consideration of ability to pay and other factors went into the decision as to which names to publish.